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1. ON ITS OWN INITIATIVE, GOC HAS TAKEN DECISION TO DEMONSTRATE TO SPAIN A DESIRE TO ESTABLISH A CLOSER, MORE OPEN RELATIONSHIP. EXTAFF DIRECTOR FOR WESTERN EUROPE, DANIEL MOLGAT, TOLD POLCOUNS THAT GOC SOME TIME BACK HAD INVITED
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FORMER FOREIGN MINISTER ARELIZA FOR OFFICIAL VISIT TO

OTTAWA. INVITATION ACCEPTED, BUT MUTUALLY CONVENIENT
DATE FOR AREILZA AND EXTAFF SECSTATE MACEZHEN HAD NOT
MATERIALIZED. CANADIAN AMBASSADOR IN MADRID IS NOW
BEING INSTRUCTED TO REISSUE INVITATION TO NEW FOREIGN
MINISTER OREJA. INVITATION WILL BE IN PRINCIPLE ONLY
WITH DATES TO BE WORKED OUT LATER.

2. COMMENT: WHILE THIS IS ADMITTEDLY LIMITED GESTURE,
IT IS WELCOME BOTH AS STEP IN RIGHT DIRECTION BY A NATO
ALLY WHICH GENERALLY SHUNS TAKING INITIATIVES IN OTHER
BUT THIRD WORLD DIRECTIONS, AND AS HAVING BEEN TAKEN
WITHOUT ANY U.S. PRODDING.
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